

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 7 is a perspective view illustrating one embodiment of stages of a keyswitch assembly starting from a first column of a base plate with retaining clips to a fourth column having a key cap coupled to legs.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one embodiment, the keyswitches described herein may be designed into a collapsible keyboard as described in U.S. patent no. 6,331,850 to Olodort, et al. and co-pending U.S. patent application no. 09/190,947 and U.S. patent application no. 09/540,669, both assigned to the same assignee of the present application, which are herein incorporated by reference. For example, the base of the keyswitch may be designed in a keyboard assembly that is capable of collapsing into its own protective housing having two symmetrical hollow box-shaped members, opened on one side. When closed, it forms a dust-proof enclosure surrounding a keyboard mechanism. In the collapsed state, the keyboard assembly can be carried in a purse or coat pocket along with a palmtop computer or other information appliance, such as a cellular phone. Its small size allows it to be conveniently stowed inside an appliance, such as a desktop telephone or television. When used with desktop computers or other information appliances, the collapsed state may be used to better utilize desk space when the computer is not in operation.